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In re Application of: Wesley Stout.
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DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY

This is a decision on the Request For Withdrawal as Attorney filed January 25, 2002.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record should indicate thereon the present mailing addresses of the attorney(s) who is/are withdrawing from the record and of the applicant. The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The effective date of withdrawal being the date of decision and not the date of request. See M.P.E.P. § 402.06. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 further requires that the applicant or patent owner be notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent.

The request is deficient in the following aspects: (1) the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) does not recognize firms - each attorney for whom withdrawal is requested must be individually listed; (2) there is no statement that Mr. Williams is *authorized* to sign on behalf of the other attorneys; (3) there is no indication that the applicant has been notified of the request for withdrawal. Therefore, the request is **DENIED**.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant. This correspondence address was provided by Mr. Michael Beck of Maginot, Moore and Bowman. Applicant is reminded of the obligation to promptly notify the Office of any change in correspondence address to ensure receipt of all communications from the Office.

A courtesy copy of this decision is being forwarded to Mr. Rozell Williams, Jr. of Baker and Daniels.

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